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1. REFTTEL POINTS UP AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE US IMAGE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC FIELD IF ONE OR TWO US EXPERTS ON METEOROLOGY, SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY, OR THE HELIOS PROGRAM WERE TO VISIT MAURITIUS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIRCRAFT STAGING.

2. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY NASA AND AFETR, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT LAUNCH MAY BE ADVANCED TO OCCUR BETWEEN 8-22 DEC 74 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN EARLIER AND MORE PROPITIOUS LAUNCH OPPORTUNITY. SHOULD THE LAUNCH OCCUR 8-14 DEC 74, TWO ELEMENTARY AIRCRAFT
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WOULD STAGE FROM ASCENSION ISLAND, RATHER THAN MAURITIUS.

IF LAUNCH OCCURS BETWEEN 15 AND 22 DEC 74, ONE TELEMETRY AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART ASCENSION ON 13 DEC FOR MAURITIUS, VIA CAPETOWN. THUS WE REQUIRE GOM APPROVAL FOR POSSIBLE STAGING FROM MAURITIUS FROM 15-22 DEC 74.

3. THE VARIABLES INCIDENT TO LAUNCH OF SPACECRAFT MAKE PRECISE PROJECTIONS DIFFICULT. IF STAGING FROM MAURITIUS TAKES PLACE IN DEC 74, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE AN EXPERT PER YOUR PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT OF

MAURITIUS STAGING IN JAN 75, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HONOR YOUR REQUEST FOR AN EXPERT TO ACCOMPANY MISSION TO BRIEF AND INTERFACE WITH MAURITIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN GOM APPROVAL FOR POSSIBLE STAGING FROM MAURITIUS DURING PERIOD 15-22 DEC 74 ON SAME BASIS AS INDICATED IN STATE 228604 FOR JAN 75 STAGING. INGERSOLL

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